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Let's Make This Dress-Up Week

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Phillips' Mexico's Greatest Clothes and Shoe Store

MARRIED AT FOUR A. M. TO ESCAPE FROM FRIENDS

Wallace Feutz and Miss Lelah Brown Awaken the Rev. A. A. Wallace Early Tuesday Morning.

DEPART FOR ST. LOUIS

Bridegroom is Well Known Young Banker and Bride is Daughter of Prominent Farmer.

Fearing that their friends might make them the subject of a practical joke, Wallace Feutz and Miss Lelah Brown, who had planned to be married Tuesday afternoon, stole a march on their friends and awakening the Rev. A. A. Wallace at 4 a. m. were married and departed for St. Louis.

Mrs. Feutz is one of Audrain's most beautiful young women and a daughter of Ben Brown, one of the largest land owners and wealthiest citizens of the county. She is a most accomplished young woman and popular with everyone who knows her. Mr. Feutz is connected with the North Missouri Trust Co., and also assists his father, E. A. Feutz, cashier of the Bank of Rush Hill, in conducting that institution. He is a young man of splendid habits, a splendid business man, and possesses a wide circle of friends.

The Ledger joins the many friends of both young people in extending congratulations and wishing them a long and happy life.

Mr. Feutz was employed for two years as stenographer for Superintendent of Wabash Terminals in St. Louis; worked with his father in the Bank at Rush Hill; held a position as bookkeeper in the National Bank of Nogales, Arizona, for a time, and has been with the North Missouri Trust Company going on three years. Mr. and Mrs. Feutz will make their home in Mexico.

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

Seeley, Who Has Supplied U. S. Army and Navy, Called to Mexico.

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will be at the Ringo Hotel and will remain in Mexico Friday, October 13th, only. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spemetic Shield as supplied to the United States Government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatment or prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call, he will be glad to show same without charge or fee if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section. d2t wlt

County Court Notes.

At the session of the County Court Monday, James Myer presented a petition for a license to operate a pool hall in Rush Hill. The court continued the application to the November term.

The court ordered that L. W. Jones be allowed \$10 per quarter as an indent, and appointed J. D. Miller to take care of the money.

It was ordered by the court that the tax of Ned Holt be changed to make the tax read the same as it reads in the 1914 tax book.

The petit jury was drawn and ordered certified to the Circuit Court. Tuesday the court ordered that \$50 be given to the Fall Festival for premiums on farm exhibits.

Court ordered that it allow R. B. Houston \$1,500 of the Capital school fund on 30 acres of land.

The court ordered that the county clerk make a certified copy of the proceedings of the Board of Equalization for April and May for the use of the officers composing that board.

A petition of 300 signers was received, asking that an election for the purpose of voting on a highway improvement be called, after a consideration of the petition, the court ordered that the county clerk advertise the election and furnish ballots for this election.

The following criminal case bills were allowed: State vs. Altha Johnson, \$28.10; State vs. Chas. Karnes, \$28.75; State vs. Sceptia Allen, \$13.65.

The bill of inquest for \$22.75 for the inquest held over the body of Spencer Austin and for \$21.85 for the inquest held over the body of Lillie Huffman, were examined, approved and ordered certified to the treasurer.

The Annual Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of Audrain County for the year ending February 1, 1916, was ordered published in all the county papers.

The annual settlement of the Vandalia Special Road District for the year ending August 1, 1916, was examined and ordered filed.

The account of R. B. Cauthorn, County Clerk, for making the manufacturers' and merchants' tax books and abstracts of same was examined, approved and allowed, and a warrant ordered issued for \$7.84, the county's part and the State's part, \$40.95, ordered certified to the State Auditor for payment.

For a Muddy Complexion. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and eat a diet of vegetables and cereals. Take outdoor exercise daily and your complexion will be greatly improved within a few months. Try it. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

MEXICO NURSE & PHYSICIAN TAKE PULMOTOR TO PATIENT

Mrs. C. C. Farmer, of Centralia, Temporarily Aided by Pulmotor, Only to Die Afterwards.

A RECORD MOTOR RUN

Dr. J. F. Harrison and Miss Sarah Reitz, of the Hospital, Make Flying Trip in Auto.

The pulmotor at the Mexico Hospital was rushed to Centralia in a record motor run, late Tuesday, in an effort to resuscitate Mrs. C. C. Farmer, of that city, who had undergone an operation. Mrs. Farmer was temporarily aided by this machine, but later died. She is the wife of a well known physician in that city.

Dr. J. F. Harrison and Miss Sarah Reitz, Superintendent of the Mexico Hospital, were telephoned for when Mrs. Farmer's condition became serious. They were told to bring the pulmotor and come by automobile as rapidly as possible.

Within forty-five minutes after the message had been received here they were at the patient's bedside and administering the respiratory treatment. The patient rallied for a short time, but later died. This is the first emergency treatment given with the instrument since its installation at the Hospital by the Mexico Power Co.

A BIG PURE FOOD SHOW

King's Annual Event to Be Held in Mexico Next Week.

King's Quality Market 4th Annual Food Show will be held Oct. 12, 13 and 14 in the store. Special booths will be erected to accommodate the demonstrators and the public is generally invited to attend and partake of the good things as well as receive souvenirs.

The Pure Food Show would not be a success without a bread baking contest. This year the store offers a 100-lb. sack of Pollock's Dining Flour for the best loaf of yeast bread and a 50-lb. sack of King's Best hard wheat flour for the best loaf of salt rising bread and a 50-lb. sack for second prize. All bread must be entered not later than noon Friday the thirteenth and will be judged Saturday at three o'clock.

Those who will demonstrate at the Pure Food Show are the Haus - Lieber Gro. Co., who will demonstrate American Lady Gained Goods. Loose Wiles Biscuit Co. will serve fancy cakes and crackers. The Wooden Spice Co. will demonstrate King's Special Line of Coffee, Tea and Spices.

REBECCAS WILL MEET HERE

Tenth Annual District Meeting to Be Held Here Monday.

The Tenth Annual District Meeting of the Rebekas will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall in this city next Monday, October 9th. The meeting will last all day and will convene again Monday evening. There are fifteen lodges in this district and a total of seventy-five delegates are expected to be in attendance at this meeting. The State President of the Rebekas, Mrs. Verdie Davis, of Harrisonville, Mo., is expected to be present for this meeting.

MISSOURI SEED CORN WEEK

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 29. — Gov. Major yesterday issued a proclamation setting apart the third week in October as Missouri Seed-Corn Week. The proclamation concludes as follows:

"I commend individual and organized attention to its importance to the community life of both town and country, looking to its observance in the rural schools, high schools and colleges throughout the land, and by the agricultural college extension workers, farmers, institute lecturers, county agents, bankers, committees, farmers' granges and unions, farmers' clubs and all activities interested in the development of agriculture in the center state of resources and opportunity to the end that Missouri's corn crop in 1917 may be increased in yield from one to five bushels per acre through proper seed selection."

Dependancy. When you feel discouraged and dependent do not give up but take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you are almost certain to feel all right within a day or two. Dependancy is very often due to indigestion and biliousness, for which these tablets are especially valuable. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

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FRENCH BUILDING LEASED BY MEXICO POWER CO.

Will Make Offices and Repair Plant in Building on Southeast Corner of the Square.

TAKEN FOR SIX YEARS

First Floor Will Contain Offices While Basement Will Be Storage Room—Repair Shop Also.

The Mexico Power Company has leased the first floor and basement of the French building on the southeast corner of the square for a period of six years. As soon as the interior is redecorated and remodeled to meet their plans they will move from their present quarters on West Promenade street.

The first floor will contain the business office of the company and the rear of this room will be enclosed and utilized for repair and testing work. The large basement will be a storeroom. This is one of the best located business houses in the city and the Power Co. will make it a most attractive place of business.

The Power Co. have for some time been considering a move to a building on the square, where they could branch out. This will place them within easy reach of residents of all parts of the city who call at the office once a month to settle bills.

DECORATING FOR BIG FAIR TO START SOON

French Building to Be Used for Floral, Pastry and School Exhibits for Fall Festival.

TO DECORATE CORN PALACE

Decorating of Corn Palace to Start Friday—Merchants to Decorate Stores Next Week.

The French building, on the corner of Jackson and Jefferson streets, has been cleared and is now ready for the decorations. This building will be used to house the floral, pastry and school exhibits during the big Fall Festival. All school exhibits are to be shown in the building. The building is now ready for the decorating committee to add the finishing touches.

It has been decided that all schools competing for the prizes offered for the various school displays must place their exhibits in this building. The big Corn Palace, on the north side of the square, is now ready for the decorating committee, which Mrs. T. J. Hoxsey is chairman; work on the decorating of this Corn Palace will be begun Friday. The front is to be decorated with grain and golden rod will be used on the inside, augmented by green cane. Electric lights will be used both on the front and inside the palace.

The merchants of Mexico will be asked to decorate their stores for the big fair. Several merchants have already promised to do this and the committee feels sure that the others will do so before the fair opens.

The Secretary's office will be in the store building on the corner of Washington and Monroe streets, next to the Ledger office.

JEALOUS NEGRO SHOTS GIRL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Enraged by jealousy, George Jenkins, a negro, shot and killed Lillie Huffman, a negro girl at her home in the northwest part of town about two thirty o'clock Sunday afternoon. Jenkins, who was employed by Sheriff J. W. Barnett, went to the county jail, took a revolver belonging to the sheriff and borrowed a horse from the sheriff, without asking for either, and returned to the girl's home. He entered the room, in which a number of negroes were seated and fired four shots at the girl, two of which took effect, entering her head, killing her almost instantly. When the smoke cleared away, the only persons remaining in the room were the dead girl and Jenkins.

Jenkins then returned to the county jail, replaced the revolver, stabled the horse, and, being unable to find the sheriff, who was away from the jail at the time, started for town. On his way he met Chief of Police Sam Wallace, who had started to search for him. Jenkins stopped the Chief, saying: "I am the one you are looking for." He was placed in the city jail and later taken by Sheriff Barnett to the County Jail.

At 10:30 o'clock Monday morning Coroner R. C. Strode held an inquest over the body of Lillie Huffman. The jury was composed of R. Kendall, foreman; R. H. Kernan, R. A. Fry, Bert F. Wells, Elmer Robinson, W. J. Eloff.

They returned a verdict that Lillie Huffman met her death at the hands of George Jenkins at the home of her mother, Emma Sifers, on West Curtis street, from pistol wounds.

For Earlier Thanksgiving. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 4. — President Wilson was asked to move the date for Thanksgiving up one week to November 23, in a telegram sent to him yesterday by the Merchants' Association of Kansas City. Messages sent to similar organizations of twenty of the larger cities asked that they join in the request.

The reason given for desiring the change is that the Christmas business will be crowded in to three weeks this year if Thanksgiving is observed on the last day of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gallaher are in St. Louis.

Elmer Jenkins is critically ill, being partially paralyzed.

Willard Thompson is making substantial improvements on J. H. Hebel's residence north of Mexico.

Vaughn Matthews went to St. Louis Tuesday afternoon. He made the trip on a motorcycle.

Ray H. Beagles, of Laddonia, was in this city on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams are visiting in Knoxville, Tenn.



Style Reigns Supreme In These Charming New Fall Suits

It is none too early to select that new Fall suit from the splendid styles shown at this store.

We want you to see the smart style, the excellent quality and construction of these garments, which means better appearance, better service and a better value than we've ever had the pleasure of showing before.

Visit Mexico's Annual Corn Show and Fall Festivities—week of October 9 to 14. Call at this Style Show Store of Mexico and see the wonderful display of Fall Merchandise. See the 10 Specials on sale this week. Have a good time and please call again.

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WITCH TALES OF FORMER DAYS

Early Missourians Believed in Witches; Some Tales of Witchcraft Told in Early Days.

Little folks listen with wide eyes and open mouths to tales of ghosts and witches, but it was not very many years ago that their elders were equally credulous of the gruesome tales told of the sinister power of witches. Nowadays even a child who gave credence to those gruesome tales would be laughed at. Years ago a tribe of Shawnee Indians settled in Missouri, induced to come by the Spanish authorities at St. Louis. These people believed in witches. Their belief was so strong that any of their number accused of being a witch was summarily executed, burned at the stake. If one of their braves saw a fox in the woods and reported that he recognized in it a member of the tribe, the accused member was immediately summoned before the council and burned at the stake.

But this superstitious belief was not confined to the minds of the savages; a large number of white inhabitants of that period also held a belief in the existence of witches. There once dwelt in Missouri a man named Prince. Now there was nothing peculiar about Mr. Prince, but his wife was regarded with awe by their neighbors, because of the fact that, though she lived in the swamp near the creek, she was never subject to malaria, with which her neighbors were almost lifelong victims. One neighbor, Mrs. Gilbert, one asked Mrs. Prince how it was that she was always immune from the malarial attacks; Mrs. Prince confided to her that she was a witch and therefore never sick and induced Mrs. Gilbert to become a witch also. At the appointed time Mrs. Gilbert went to Mrs. Prince's home for the ceremony, which was to relieve her of those ill to which mere mortals are prey. Upon entering the house she saw a giant

negro standing in the corner of the room. The negro stepped into the room and, placing his left hand upon the floor, palm up, commanded the candidate for witchcraft to step on it, then placing his other hand above her head, said, "All that I hold between my hands are mine." Mrs. Gilbert, upon being thus ceremonially committed, as she thought, to the devil, exclaimed: "No, I belong to Jesus Christ." This statement broke the "spell," and it is presumed that Mrs. Gilbert continued to suffer with the chills and fever as of yore.

Several young men upon returning from a party told of meeting a small negro boy, who kept pace with them for some distance, becoming convinced that something was wrong, they spurred their horses into a run, but the boy kept even with them, finally leaping up behind one of the boys. The boy looked back at his unwelcome companion, whereupon his face was drawn to that side permanently, and ever after he had the appearance of one who had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

One other tale of those times, is that of the man who went hunting. He was considered a good shot, but failed to drop a squirrel in several shots; he became convinced that something was wrong and, taking a dime from his pocket, beat it into a silver bullet, and shot the squirrel, which dropped, although he was unable to find the carcass; you know even a witch cannot withstand a silver bullet.

A few hours later he was told that a friend of his had been accidentally shot in the shoulder. "He was the squirrel I shot; he was bewitched and I have broken the spell for him," remarked the hunter.

Many other tales as improbable as these were told and believed by even the white inhabitants at that time.

THE HOME TOWN

BY NELS DARLING

I know of a farmer living near a town in Illinois who refused \$400 an acre for his land. His is a good farm and yet there is just as good and productive soil on the Nile river. Farms in that locality are practically off the market. Why? Because of their proximity to a real wide-awake living town. That town has excellent schools, modern churches, stores that are up-to-date, and that are giving service.

The people appreciate these stores—they patronize them. They are run by men who know how to buy right—sell right and advertise. They meet competition through correct methods. If some customers wish cheap goods that are not quite up to the standard, at low prices, these merchants furnish them just that kind of merchandise. If they haven't the article in stock they send and get it. They tell the truth about their merchandise. When they advertise a 20 per cent reduction sale, they put it on. Everybody is treated with courtesy and all are made to feel that their crops are long.

Mr. Farmer, if you are a regular patron of these great catalogue houses, do not complain when you fail to find in your local stores some particular article you want. Do not ask for long credit when your crops are short, and give the home dealer the short end of your money when the crops are long.

All our Ladies' Waists at about half price as long as they last. Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Company.

W. W. Conner, of Fulton, was in this city Friday.

Ray H. Beagles, of Laddonia, was in this city on business Friday.

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Republican Speaking

Hon. W. L. Cole

Republican Candidate for CONGRESS

of the 9th District Will speak at the following places:

THURSDAY—

Benton City 1:15
Martinsburg 3:30
Laddonia 7:30

FRIDAY—

Molino 1:15
Thompson 3:30
MEXICO 7:30

SATURDAY—

Rush Hill 1:15
Farber 3:30
Vandalia 7:30